



Faith. Family. Fellowship. Music.  
**Congers United Methodist Church**

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*Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor*

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

***Sunday, September 14, 2025, 10:00 am***

**Celebrating: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**We thank today's Worship Team leaders:**

**Music: *Jim West***

**Worship Leader/Liturgist: *Frances Reid***

**Sunday School: *Cheery Villaseñor***

**Facebook Coordinator: *Roberto Villaseñor***



**Welcome to Congers UMC.** We are happy to have you with us. Join us for a time of food and fellowship after worship service in the fellowship hall. If this is your first time with us, please fill in your name, email address, and/or cell number in the **“Welcome Visitor’s Form”** in the back of the pew in front of you. Kindly place it in the offering plates or give it to any member. We hope to see you again.

Congers UMC is open for in-person worship service, as well as, on Facebook Live\* [www.facebook.com/CongersUMC](http://www.facebook.com/CongersUMC). \*Please be aware that we use Facebook Live for our worship services. If you are uncomfortable being screened or having pictures taken of yourself or family members, please let our Communications Team (Cheery Villaseñor or Bishop J know).

**This is the Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost.** Pentecost, is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth and empowerment of the Church. In this season, we are reminded of the outpouring of the Spirit for the work, mission and growth of Christ’s mission through the Church.

**Bold** print: read in unison

\*Stand in body or spirit

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)

TFWS (The Faith We Sing)

### ENTRANCE

### PRELUDE

Jim West, Musician

### GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Frances Reid, Worship Leader

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of love, when we wander away it is your grace that calls us back to you.

**You receive us with mercy, and we give thanks.**

Loving Christ, when we are lost and lonely in a far land, you accompany us in love, and guide us home.

**You receive us with grace, and we give thanks.**

Holy Spirit, your joy in us calls us, blesses us, and revives us.

**We celebrate, for we who were lost are found! We who were dead are alive!**

**By your invitation we come to your table to feast in joy.**

- Steve Garnaas Holmes

### \*OPENING HYMN

*"I'm Goin' a Sing When The Spirit Says Sing"*

UMH #333

### OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God lead us now out of the familiar setting of our doubts and fears, beyond our pride and our need to be secure into a strange and graceful ease with our true proportions, and with yours. That in boundless silence we may grow strong enough to endure, and flexible enough to receive and share your grace.

- Ted Loder, *Breathe Restlessness into Me: The Subversive and Inspired Poems and Meditations of Ted Loder*, (Fortress Press, 2024).

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself.**

**But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you?**

**How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice?**

**How often have we tried to dominate others, even as you stand with them?**

**How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth, and its waters?**

**Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way.**

**All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek.**

**Shower your mercy upon us.**

**Find us and lead us safely home to faithfulness. Amen.**

### SILENT MEDITATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PRAYER RESPONSE

*"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"*

UMH #351, vs. First/Last

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE, GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.

God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,

Gathering us in to the people of God.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy! Amen.

*Written by Henrietta Stith Andrews, in From Despair to Rejoicing: Service Prayers for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Posted on the Worship Ways website, <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/confession-luke-15-1-10.html>.*

\*Offer each other the gift of forgiveness: ***"In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."***

### WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS

### CHILDREN MAY BE DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

UMH #191

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## PROCLAMATION

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION**

*"Amazing Grace"*

UMH #378

**\*SCRIPTURE**

First Testament: Exodus 32:7-14  
Second Testament: Luke 15:1-10

**MESSAGE**

*"Lost and Found Department"*

Bishop J

**RESPONSE**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**PRAYERS OF COMPASSION/ PASTORAL PRAYER**

You are invited to lift names for prayers of celebration or concern;  
respond with **"Thanks be to God/ Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers"**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

For your giving convenience, Congers UMC now has online giving with Givelify:  
go to <https://www.givelify.com> designate Congers UMC. Or, Use our QR code  
by pointing the camera on your cell phone to this image:



**\*RESPONSE**

*"All Things Come of Thee"*

UMH #588

**PREPARATION**

## SENDING

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

UMH #883

**\*SENDING SONG**

*"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* (Marching, Singing, Praying) TFWS #2235-B

**\*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS**

**POSTLUDE** (please be seated)

Jim West

*Acolytes carry the Light into the world!*

## Opportunities for Prayer, Fellowship, and Service



### Compassion Prayers

- Please keep in heart and prayer church members, families, and friends who stand
- in the need of prayer. You can find the complete list on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. (If there are additions, removals, or amendments to this list, please let Pat Williams know.)
- We pray for God's Peace and Justice throughout our country and throughout this world; such as the on-going wars between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Iran, The Congo, Somalia and other parts of Africa, and other parts of our world. Global issues, such as, immigration, atomic energy, women and children abuse, active shootings, climate change, attacks on democracy, disarmament, food insecurity, the unsheltered, etc.

### Service

If you didn't bring your non-perishable food item to be donated to PEOPLE TO PEOPLE, this Sunday, and you would like to donate, bring it next week or see Francs Reid, coordinator, for more information.



### Future Opportunities

- **September 15 – October 15: Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month**
- **Sun. Sept. 21, Community Appreciation and Outreach Sunday**, Guest Preacher: Rev. Gina Yeske, Associate Superintendent and Bridges Coordinator, Greater New Jersey Conference, The United Methodist Church
- **Tues. September, 23, 6pm, Church Council/All Church members meeting** to prepare for Charge Conference - consider a new way forward for CongersUMC.
- **Sun. October 19, following Worship: CHARGE CONFERENCE.** All members invited.

### HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

9/1 Wynnum Sabile, 9/2 Victoria Oliver, 9/14 Walter Reed

